Urban Decongestion Programme for Hyderabad

90. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has requested for arranging international funding for taking up an urban decongestion programme for Hyderabad Metropolitan area and also for water supply and sewer projects in District Head Quarter towns;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT & MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) Yes, Sir. During January, 1995, the State Government has requested for obtaining international funding to undertake civic amenities in urban areas of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) The detailed project proposals are awaited from the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(c) The matter was taken up with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Bank has included Andhra Pradesh as one of the "focus" states.

Self-reliance in Atomic Energy

91. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "India falling short in atomic energy output", as reported in the Hindustan Times dated the 26th September, 1996;

(b) if so, whether Government's efforts to achieve self-reliance in the Nuclear Energy Programme has been suffering continuously; and

(c) if so, what concrete steps Government propose to take to achieve self-reliance in Atomic Energy;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The Country is self-reliant in nuclear energy programme and has developed alround capability in design, construction and operation of Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors. India is, however, against any extra legal restrictions placed on trade with it by any country.

Modifications in new recognition rules for Unions/Associations

92. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the modifications in the new recognition rules in the Central Services, to decide the representative State of Union/Associations in Central Services for grant of recognition sought by some unions/ associations;

(b) whether Government propose to negotiate with the unions/associations on the issue before implementation of new recognition rules;

(c) whether Government are considering to decide the recognition issue on the basis of secret Ballot as per Government's common minimum programme; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) A section of the Staff Side under JCM has sought modification in the procedure of verification of membership and minimum membership requirement for recognition of second association. However, another section of Staff Side under JCM is opposed to any such modifications.

(b) No. Sir.